

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Public	)	Application No. NG-0012.1
Alliance for Community Energy	)	
(ACE), seeking additional	)	ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS
authority as a Competitive	)	FOR INTERVENTION AND
Natural Gas Provider to serve	)	NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT
the entire state of Nebraska.	)	
	)	Entered: December 13, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

On November 4, 2005, the Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) filed an application seeking additional authority as a competitive natural gas provider pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 66-1849 (Reissue 2003) and Rule 009 of the Natural Gas and Pipeline Rules and Regulations, Title 291, Ch. 9.

Notice of the application was published in the *Daily Record*, Omaha, on November 8, 2005. The Public Advocate, Aquila Energy, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), and Cornerstone Energy, Inc. (Cornerstone) each filed a Petition for Formal Intervention in this matter on December 5, 6, and 7, 2005, respectively.

The Commission being fully advised in the premises, finds that the Petitions for Formal Intervention should be granted.

The Commission further finds that it may be necessary to assess certain expenses associated with this docket to ACE, pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 66-1840. The Commission hereby provides notice to the utility, as required by *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 66-1840, that expenses may be assessed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Public Advocate's, Aquila's and Cornerstone's Petitions for Formal Intervention are granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ACE is hereby given notice of assessment as required by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840* and a copy of this order shall be mailed to ACE.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of December, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director